

# This One Time, at Film Camp

Why would you go on some long, expensive vacation this summer where all you do is stand in line and get treated like crap by bleach-blonde nerf herders with a semester of community college under their belt and more acne than brains? You shouldn't!

Nor should you ship your spawn off to any number of Walmart-sponsored day camps chaperoned by slack-jawed yokels and creepy Mister Rogers look-a-likes where they will be forced to swim in bodies of urine-tainted water and probably catch lice.

Sleep-away camps are no better. Your kids will just smoke pot and imbibe copious amounts of four loko only to be chopped in half by a masked killer while trying to lose their virginity.

If you really want your summer camp fix, just watch Meatballs, Earnest Goes to Camp, or Camp Nowhere and save yourself a whole mess of aggravation.

Or better yet, send the little scamp over to one (or all) of these excellent film and art programs happening all over Rhode Island this summer. These are professionally run, quality programs where kids and teens can learn filmmaking, cooking, dance and many other fun and educational arts-related skills.

**Rhode Island School of Design Continuing Education** offers many classes and certificate programs for kids and teens throughout the summer, including classes in animation, digital video production, and a Young Artist Program where artists ages 7 and up participate in printmaking, claymation, ceramic sculpture and more.

Where: RISD campus Providence

When: Classes begin June 10

Contact: [ce.risd.edu](http://ce.risd.edu)



**KidsEye™ Summer Camp with Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** is in its 15th year! KidsEye is an intensive and fun five-day summer camp held at the University of Rhode Island that exposes young people to the basic elements of the filmmaking process, culminating in a premiere screening of their finished work.

Where: URI Kingston campus

When: July 8 - 12

Contact: [film-festival.org/kidseye.php](http://film-festival.org/kidseye.php)

**RIIFF** offers another wonderful teen summer film opportunity for high school juniors and seniors, including those who just graduated. The youth film jury is a program where students will attend multiple screenings, Q&As and other events during the Rhode Island International Film Festival. It's not a class, but it is a great way to get young filmmakers involved in critique and discussion.

Where: Multiple locations throughout RI

When: August 6 - 11

Contact: [film-festival.org/YouthJuryProgram2013.php](http://film-festival.org/YouthJuryProgram2013.php)

**URI, Adoption RI and First Star** is having the First Star URI Academy for Foster Youth where students entering 9th grade will get full on-campus immersion with a month of academic classes, including media and communication, video game design, web design and videography. Students will receive college credits and have fun learning many different skills such as martial arts, cooking, yoga

and painting.

Where: URI Kingston campus

When: July 1 - August 3

Contact: Matthew Buchanan: 401-865-6000; firststar.org

**VSA Arts Rhode Island** is also premiering “Adventures in Video Game Design” with Central Falls Expanded Learning where Central Falls students in grades 7 through 10 will work with a digital media artist and learn how to use computers and digital tools to create their own video game. No prior experience is necessary.

Where: Central Falls

When: July 8 - August 14; Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30 - 3 pm

Contact: Jeannine Chartier , VSA arts RI Director 401-725-0247; programs@vsartsri.org

Andrea Summers, Central Falls School District 401-727-7726 x 21030; Asummers@cfschools.net

**Hendricken High School** will put on a summer camp for boys and girls ages 12 to 16. Programs include New Artist Writer’s Workshop, where students will learn the fundamentals of playwriting or screenwriting through practical demonstrations, guest lectures and hands-on exercises, and Summer Screen, a week-long camp in filmmaking where students will write, produce, edit and star in their own short films. Hendriken’s summer program will also offer Showchoir and Stage workshops.

Where: Hendricken campus Warwick

When: July 1 - August 16

Contact: Richard Silva, Director of Arts: arts@hendricken.com

**Everett Company’s Summer Arts Program** includes film as well as dance and theater. Students will work with professional artists in intense and fun classes, including filmmaking, acting, hip-hop and creative dancing. Students must be at least 10 years old to participate.

Where: 9 Duncan Ave Providence

When: Session one is July 15 - August 2 and Session 2 runs from August 5 - August 23

Contact: 401-831-9479 or everettsummerarts@gmail.com

This is by no means an exhaustive list. There are many more educational and fun programs for you and your brood to get involved with this summer all over New England Do it!